Infrastructure Development:

(i) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Raghurajpur in 2002-03

(ii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Pipli in 2004-05

(iii) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Khiching in 2005-06

(iv) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Barpali in 2006-07

(v) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Hirapur in 2006-07

(vi) Rs. 50.00 lakh for Deuljhari in 2006-07

Capacity Building :

(i) Rs. 20.00 lakh for Raghurajpur in 2004-05

(ii) Rs. 20.00 lakh for Pipli in 2004-05

Tourism hub in Orissa

239. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Orissa is the hub of tourism but lack of infrastructure, good hotels, tour packages, and the need to bring Orissa on the world Tourism map, have failed to attract tourists, especially from abroad; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan of Government to help the State to overcome these shortcomings, to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Following projects have been prioritized in consultation with the State Government of Orissa for the:year 2006-07: .

Destination: 1.Chilka	
Circuit:	1. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark
	2. Simlipal-Charidipur-Talsari-Panchlingameshwar
	3. Araku Valley-Sonbeda-Korapur-Malkangiri
Fair and Festival:	1. Sreekshetra Vasant Utsav
	2. Ekamra
	3. Puri Beach Festival
	4. Konark Festival
Rural Tourism:	1. Dayaringi Badi village, Distt. Kandhamal
	2. Deulajhari village, Distt. Angul
	3. Padmanavpur village, Distt. Ganjam

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head. An amount of Rs. 2019.12 lakh has been sanctioned for Orissa in the year 2006-07.

A list of projects sanctioned for Orissa during the Tenth Plan Period is given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects Sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan Period

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
	2002-03	
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur	50.00
2.	Computerisation of office and its Groups	7.50
	Total	57.50

1	2	3
	2003-04	
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
2.	Konark Festival, 2002	5.00
3.	Folk Dance Festival, 2003-04	5.00
4.	Rajarani Music Festival, 2003-04	5.00
5.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
		Total 419.55
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda) under Dest. Development	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa—Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Software)	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt.(Software)	20.00
7.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Hardware)	50.00
		Total 1339.18
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	447.22
2	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00

1	2	3
4.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneshwar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
5.	Developmet of Chilka Lake (Distt. Puri and Ganjam) as Tourist Destination	389.05
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	Total:	2425.40
	2006-07	
1.	Development of Simlipal in Distt. Mayurbhanj as a tourist destination	297.12
2.	Puri Beach Festival, 2006	05.00
3.	Konark Festival, 2006	05.00
4.	Ekamra Utsav, 2007	10.00
5.	Shreekshetra Vasant Utsav, 2006	10.00
6.	Integrated Development of Chandipur-Talsari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchlingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit	800.00
7.	Development of Village Barpali, Distt. Baragarh, Rural Tourism	50.00
8.	Development of Village Hirapur, Distt. Khurda, Rural Tourism	50.00
9.	Development of Village Padmanavpur, Distt. Ganjam, Rural Tourism	50.00

1	2	3
10.	Development of Village Deulajhari, Distt. Angul, Rural Tourism	50.00
11.	Integrated Development of Koraput Circuit "Koraput-Deomali-Jeypore-Upper Kolab-Gupteshwar as a tourist circuit in Orissa	692.00
	Total:	2019.12

Recovery of outstanding dues by ITDC

†240. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of various hotels of ITDC outstanding against Public Sector and private sector undertakings and others along with the details thereof, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by ITDC to recover the outstanding amount;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for furnishing of ITDC hotels; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The details of outstanding against Government, public sector and private sector undertakings and others along with the year-wise details are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Parties are regularly contacted personally, telephonically and through written reminders for the recovery of outstanding dues. In the event of non-payment of dues inspite of notice, legal actions are initiated against them.

(c) and (d) Furnishing of ITDC hotels is carried out through internal generation of funds. Besides, it has also been decided to undertake a major renovation work for ITDC hotels during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 with a total cost of Rs. 184.15 crore through market borrowing from financial institutions/Banks, budgetary support from the Government and internal sources.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.